Dear Gerry, 7/27/95

Your letter of the 18th, postmarked the 19th, did not come until today. It is the only case of any delay in any of my mail of which I know in so long I cannot remember the last time. As you'll see on the enclosed envelope, there are no marks indicating going anywhere else or of any unusual kind at all. Locally I cannot remember any time our mail serves has not been excellent. I therefore presume it was delayed en route.

Little by little I'm hearing of NEVER AGAIN! being available in some places where it had not been. Gary Mack told me yesterday one store of a chain in Dallas now has it. But earlier this week I had a call from a stranger who had phoned me before. He travels in his work. He told me the first ten stores he asked for it did not have it and most offered to order it for him. He got it in the 11th. So I believe it is also the stores that do not know anything about the book from its title alone.

You and Dennis are, of course, welcome to use any of it you may want to use. And whenever you have a copy of your paper I'll be glad to read it. And if you expand on it later, to help with that.

The few letters of which I sent you copies are typical. However, the volume is much less than with Case Open, which had my address on it.

We both look forward to seeing you all and to meeting Nancy on the 20th.

As I think I said before, it is a good idea to make reservations in advance, particularly this time of the year. If you plan to use the Red Horse and did not keep its card its 800 number is 245-6701. Unless we hear otherwise from you we'll plan on lunch at Hana's.

Unless Jerry does it I think Dave plans for one of you to dig up a very, very old peone that has been in Lil's family for at least 100 years for a piece for him. Jerry is to come for other peonies Lil can spare, where we can't get to them now. She is taking a nap but I think she could probably find some for both of you if you'd like some. Perhaps other plants, too.

Good luck with your paper and we do look forward to seeing all of you again.

Best,

Harold